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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 10/8/62

WEATHER General rains fell Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. Total precipitation ranged from nearly one-half inch in the south and east to over one inch in the northwest.

Temperatures were slightly below normal from the southeast to the north-central but were near normal elsewhere.

Considerable cloudiness and high humidities prevailed during most of the week.

CROPS Wet fields slowed harvest operations of corn, milo, and soybeans in the eastern part of the State. At the same time humidity was high and maturity of row crops was slowed. So far only a limited acreage of corn has been harvested for grain and most of this has been for immediate use by feeding. Only a small acreage has not matured and most of this will be utilized for silage or forage. Harvest of sorghum was delayed as much of the grain was running high in moisture content and artificial drying was necessary before being binned. A sharp freeze would be beneficial in killing plant growth of both corn and sorghum.

Harvest of soybeans was rather limited but a considerable acreage has been combined with good yields being reported from fields that are free from weeds. Some late planted fields have been slow to mature and plants still retain leaves.

Dry bean harvest is in the clean-up stage with the crop grading the lowest in many years. The sharp freeze that occurred early in September caught the major portion of the dry bean crop with immature beans. Some of the acreage will not be harvested. Digging of potatoes in the Panhandle moved along rapidly with some of the early crop producing high yields but the late acreage showing lower yields caused by freezing of the vines in early September and failure of the potatoes to size properly. Digging of beets is well underway and processing at plants will start as soon as they have an adequate supply of beets on hand.

Some farmers were cutting the last crop of alfalfa for hay while others were utilizing the crop for seed. Winter wheat made excellent growth and recent rains in the western counties will temporarily relieve the dry surface soil that has prevailed for the past three weeks. Subsoil moisture is adequate in all areas.

Range and pasture feed is in plentiful supply in all parts of the State. Feed was becoming dry and brittle in the Sandhills and western counties but the recent moisture will make the feed more palatable to livestock.

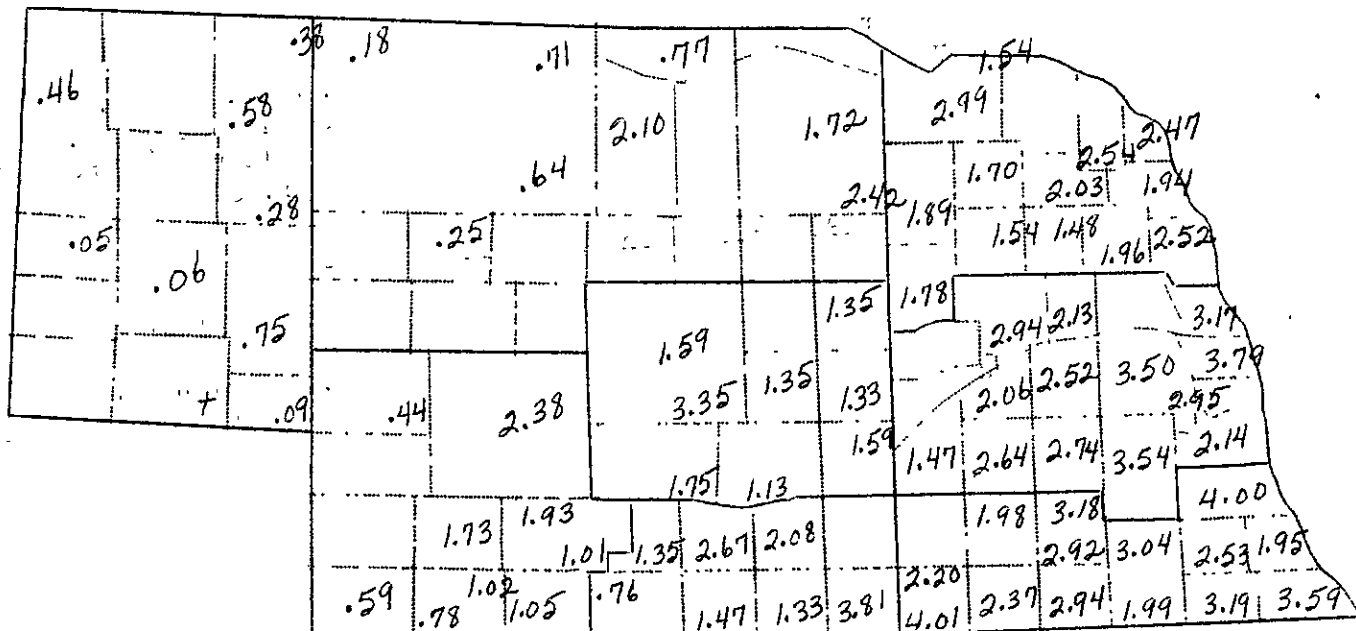
LIVESTOCK Movement of stocker and feeder cattle gained momentum during the past week.

The number moving into marketing channels was sharply higher than a week earlier. All livestock continue in good condition under favorable weather and a plentiful supply of feed.

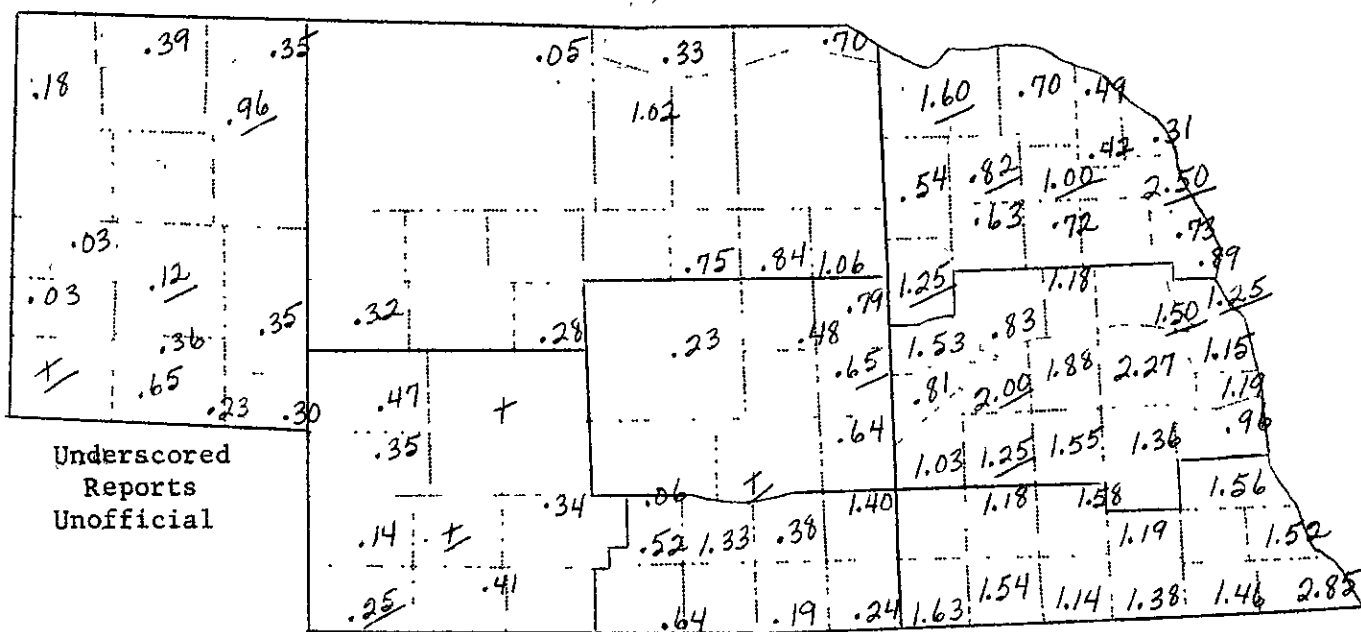
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 8, 1962

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.41	Burwell	.58	Chadron	1.38
Lincoln	.78	North Platte	.38	Imperial	.29
Norfolk	.46	Valentine	1.02	Scottsbluff	.79
Omaha	.85			Sidney	.80
Sioux City	.78				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1962



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 5, 1962



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		October		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th	
				Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron			56	50	63	35	71	44	73	48	64	52	55	48	68	--
	Scottsbluff			59	50	59	36	72	41	82	51	60	46	57	42	67	43
	Sidney			55	48	60	33	68	39	82	49	59	45	62	43	67	40
NC	Burwell			62	51	60	39	70	38	75	45	66	54	69	51	65	--
	Valentine			61	49	66	45	69	41	76	53	68	53	64	52	61	41
NE	Norfolk			58	54	57	49	67	40	75	46	72	55	60	50	59	45
	Sioux City			57	55	63	51	69	45	73	49	74	55	59	55	62	51
CEN	Grand Island			62	52	54	49	69	41	73	50	63	56	69	50	61	42
EC	Lincoln			57	53	59	52	69	48	75	48	69	59	65	54	65	50
	Omaha			59	55	59	52	68	46	73	48	72	55	62	52	66	50
SW	Imperial			65	49	59	40	67	41	78	51	59	49	71	48	70	--
	North Platte			65	50	61	41	68	41	75	52	61	56	71	51	70	44

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